

## NEED MORE MONEY FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL

State Superintendent Swearingen Wants Increased Appropriations.

## WOULD RAISE SALARIES

In His Report the Superintendent Asks Increase of \$50,000 to Go to County Superintendents.

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 30.—The state department of education, John E. Swearingen, superintendent, is asking for an increase in appropriations for the support of the public schools of the state in the sum of \$259,000, the total amount being asked for the schools for 1919 being \$770,000.

For the support of rural graded schools, an increase in the appropriation in the sum of \$32,500 is recommended, the total amount asked for these schools being \$220,000. An increase for high schools in the sum of \$55,000 is recommended, the total amount asked for high schools being \$130,000.

An appropriation of \$50,000 for vocational training is one of the items in the recommendations which will be submitted to the legislature.

The salaries of county superintendents of education is also recommended in the recommendations, the appropriation mentioned in this connection being \$59,000, half to be paid by the state and half by the counties.

For the betterment of the negro schools, it is recommended that a special appropriation of \$20,000 be made to be expended at the discretion of the state superintendent of education.

### Summary Recommendations.

Following is a summary of the recommendations which will be made to the legislature at its approaching session:

For public schools:

Rural graded schools, \$220,000, increase \$32,500.

High schools, \$130,000; increase \$55,000.

Equalizing fund for needy schools in districts voting an eight mill tax \$125,000; increase, \$25,000.

Term extension, \$60,000; same as last year.

Public school buildings, \$50,000; same as last year.

Vocational training, \$50,000; new.

Enforcement of compulsory attendance law, if passed, \$50,000 new.

Salaries of county superintendents of education, to be paid half by county and half by state, \$30,000; new.

Night schools and schools for adult illiterates, \$25,000; increase \$15,000.

Public school libraries, \$3,000 decrease, \$2,000.

School improvement association and school improvement prizes, \$4,000; increase \$1,900.

Teachers' registration and employment bureau, \$3000; increase \$1,000.

Total \$770,000.

Other recommendations which will be made are as follows:

"A county board fund, to be expended in the discretion of the county board of education, for the improvement of the schools, is recommended in every county. To raise this fund, a special levy of one mill in every county is recommended. The aggregate proceeds in the 45 counties would amount to \$325,000.

"The enactment of a statewide compulsory attendance law, with proper exemptions for individuals and for communities and with adequate provisions for enforcement ought to be no longer postponed.

"Vocational and industrial training in agriculture in the trades and industries and in home economics ought to be developed and adequately supported.

"Proper recognition, professional organization and adequate salaries should be provided for the county superintendents' office.

"The office of the state superintendent should be fully organized, equipped and manned to perform

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## FLOUR TO BE CHEAPER TO CONSUMER PREDICTED

Result Expected by Officials to Follow Cancellation of All Flour Milling Regulations.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Cancellation of all flour milling regulations including fair price schedules and the price of quantity restrictions on the sale of wheat flour by millers which officials expect will result in cheaper flour, was formally announced by the food administration. Notification of the action was telegraphed to all zone agents of the food administration's grain corporation and there was a sharp rise in the price of wheat bran and other mill feeds on the Minneapolis markets, which officials expect to be followed by a drop in flour prices.

General regulations of the food administration prohibiting profiteering hoarding and unfair practices would be strictly enforced, official said.

The prediction of cheaper flour to the consumer, it was stated at the food administration, is based on the immediate rise today in the price of mill feeds, amounting to several dollars a ton.

## SOLDIER SMOKED UP HIS ENGLISH PAPER MONEY

He and His Comrades Thought 10 Shilling Tissue Paper Notes Were Cigarette Wrappers.

London, Dec. 30.—Return to America for the American soldiers who have camped in England for half a year without ever seeing the French front means a return to a land where paper money looks like their idea of money. One disconsolate private was accosted at Eagle Hut, London, the big Y. M. C. A. center:

"What's the matter, son?" asked a Red Triangle secretary.

"I was just thinking I'd like some of those panicles, sir," the private answered mournfully.

"And you're broke, heh?" the Red Triangle man guessed from long experience.

"Yes, sir."

"Been a long time since pay day?"

"No, sir, we were paid last Saturday."

"Lost your money?"

"Well, you might call it that."

"Stolen?"

"No, sir. You see, sir, there was some of us walking home last night and I pulled out my cigarettes and pressed them around. I thought they tasted a bit funny, at the time. And then this morning I discovered that I'd burned up all my money. It was those blame little ten shilling notes, made out of tissue paper."

## HOOVER WILL NOT TALK TO A PAIR OF GERMANS

He Invites Two Huns Who Want to Negotiate For Food Supplies to Go to Hell.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Food Administrator Hoover, in Europe, arranging relief for the peoples of the war-devastated territories, has refused in emphatic terms to discuss German food conditions with Baron von der Lancken and Dr. Rieth who sought a meeting with the food administrator.

A message from Paris said these two German officials, who were prominent in the German administration of Belgium, wired from Berlin to Walter Lyman Brown, director of the commission for relief in Belgium that they had been appointed by the German government to negotiate with Mr. Hoover for food supplies. In answer to the request for a conference, Mr. Hoover sent this message:

"You can describe two and a half years of arrogance toward ourselves and cruelty to the Belgians in any language you may select, and tell them personally to go to hell with compliments. If I do have to deal with Germans, it will not be with that pair."

## Negro Gets Death Sentence.

Sam Johnson, colored, was convicted at York yesterday of criminal assault upon a white girl near Fort Mill and was sentenced to death by electrocution January 10.

## DR. S. W. PRYOR DIES AT CHESTER HOME

Eminent Surgeon and Physician, Proprietor Magdalene Hospital.

## THE END CAME FRIDAY

Pneumonia and Influenza Claims as Victim Noted Surgeon Well Known in South Carolina.

Chester, Dec. 30.—Dr. Stewart W. Pryor died here Friday morning of pneumonia, superinduced by influenza.

Dr. Pryor was a native of Spartanburg county and was born on January 29, 1864. His parents were Stewart Love Pryor and Susai Catherin (Haynes) Pryor. Dr. Pryor spent his boyhood days upon the farm, taking every advantage offered by the rural schools. He left the farm in 1881 to accept employment in a mercantile establishment at Gaffney. In 1882 he pursued a course at a well known business college at Baltimore, Md. Returning to Gaffney he was employed as a bookkeeper from 1883-85. Resigning his bookkeeping position, Dr. Pryor attended the Atlanta, Ga., Medical college, where he was graduated with high honors in 1887. He also pursued 15 postgraduate courses, one annually for 15 years at the New York Polyclinic. Frequently from time to time he took special advanced courses in surgery at Mayo Brothers, at Rochester, Minn., where he was held in the highest esteem both professionally and personally by these eminent surgeons.

Dr. Pryor following graduation at Atlanta practiced medicine at Cherokee Springs, soon afterwards moving to Lowryville, in Chester county, where he stayed several months. He then came to Chester, where he was destined to become a foremost surgeon. From the start in Chester his ability, skill and resourcefulness as a physician and surgeon were quickly recognized and he speedily built up a large and lucrative practice. After a few years' practice in this city Dr. Pryor's skill in surgery and other branches of medicine began to attract patients from all sections of the Carolinas and he built a combined hospital and residence in order to care for them. Soon this hospital became inadequate and in 1904 he erected a large hospital with every modern equipment on Saluda street, which he named Magdalene. In March, 1916, this hospital was destroyed by fire. In about six months following the destruction of the hospital Dr. Pryor had rushed through to completion a magnificent hospital on York street, said to be complete in every respect. It represents an expenditure of approximately \$150,000. His charity work alone at his hospital mounted into the thousands of dollars.

Dr. Pryor several years ago was highly complimented by being elected to membership in the American College of Surgeons. Before this distinguished body Dr. Pryor had read notable papers.

He has been one of the leading surgeons of the Seaboard Air Line Railway for many years, and has been surgeon-in-chief of the Carolina & Northwestern Railway for years.

Dr. Pryor was a president of the Chester County Medical Association, chairman of the board of health and had been vice president of the South Carolina Medical Association. He was also a member of the Tri-State Medical Association.

Dr. Pryor has achieved a wide reputation on appendicitis operations. In addition to being an eminent surgeon Dr. Pryor was one of the largest planters in the Carolinas. He was one of Chester's most successful business men and was prominently connected with different business interests.

Dr. Pryor was a consistent member of Bethel Methodist Episcopal church and was always interested in the activities of that denomination, both locally and throughout the state.

He was a Knight Templar and

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## THE INAUGURATION OF COOPER JAN. 21

Improvement in Educational Facilities Keynote of Inaugural Address.

## LENGTHEN SCHOOL TERM

Increased Pay for Teachers and County Superintendents Also Will Be Recommended By the New Governor.

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 30.—Improvement in educational facilities a minimum school term of seven months and increased pay for teachers and county superintendents of education, with adequate appropriations for education, will be the keynote of the inaugural address of Robert A. Cooper, governor-elect of South Carolina, who will be inducted into office on January 21, unless sickness or some other unforeseen cause prevents.

The governor-elect, bearing out the principles enunciated in his various campaigns, desires to make his administration stand out as the educational administration in the history of the state.

Mr. Cooper believes, and he will so announce his belief in his inaugural address, that the future prosperity and progress of South Carolina depend on an improved educational system. He will contend for a state-wide compulsory attendance law without the present local option features, to affect children between the ages of 8 and 14 years, with proper machinery for enforcement. He will urge a more efficient school organization for the 45 counties, increased pay for the low-salaried teachers and county superintendents, and adequate facilities for the education of adult illiterates, either by night schools or other organizations.

The governor-elect will stress in his inaugural address a revision of the tax laws of the state, by the substitution of a budget system and the elimination of the present state levy. The revenue for the state government and institutions, under his theory, should be apportioned among the counties by a state budget board.

Mr. Cooper believes in co-operation with the other co-ordinate branches of the government and with the heads of the various state departments. It is his idea to hold frequent "cabinet" meetings with the other state officials and at such conferences the needs and wants of the government and the problems encountered by all the departments can be discussed around the table amicably.

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Red Cross Report Friday.

## RUSSIANS IN PARIS SEE RUIN FOR THE COUNTRY

Decision of Entente Not to Intervene Extensively Discourages Anti-Bolsheviks.

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## ONLY FOUR PAGES TODAY.

The News regrets its inability to produce the standard size paper today, but illness has reduced the mechanical force to one man—the linotype operator. Mr. Long, his wife and several of his children are confined to their home and the business of making up pages and printing them has fallen to the linotype operator and the editor. We hope by Friday to get back to normal conditions.

## WANTS A LAW TO CURB THE SALE OF EXTRACTS

Health Officer Says Crime Occurs by Reason of Greed of Druggists in Selling Disguised Intoxicants.

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 30.—That laws should be enacted to prevent the sale of alcohol as an intoxicant disguised under the name of some patent medicine, or Jamaica ginger or lemon extract is the opinion of Dr. James A. Hayne, state health officer, who calls the attention of the general assembly to this matter in his annual report.

There has been an enormous sale of various extracts and so-called tonics containing alcohol during the past year, and much drunkenness is traceable to this source. Empty bottles bearing extract labels can be seen by the scores in locations where waste accumulates, and it goes without saying that not all of the contents of the bottles went to the flavoring of cakes and sweet meats.

An excerpt from Dr. Hayne's annual report, under the heading "Food and Drugs," reads as follows:

"This important work, namely the carrying out of the pure food and drug law, devolves upon the department of agriculture, but the regulations governing the carrying out of the law are formulated by the state board of health. We believe that co-operation between these departments would effect much good in improving the situation in this state.

"Laws should be enacted to prevent the sale of alcohol as an intoxicant, disguised under the name of some patent medicine, or as Jamaica ginger, bay rum, or lemon extract. Much drunkenness and crime occur in this state on account of the greed of some druggists in selling these intoxicants.

"It is believed that this general assembly will enact laws adequate to deal with this situation."

## GERMAN DEMOCRATS ASK FOR A UNITED GERMANY

Democratic Party Appeals for the Union of All Liberal Parties and Adopts a Platform.

Coblenz, Dec. 30.—Appeals for the union of all liberal parties which desire a republic and do not wish the new Germany to fall into the hands of either of reactionaries or socialist were made at a meeting Sunday of the German democratic party, which assembled in Coblenz to adopt a platform.

The party desires a united Germany, including German Austria; equality before the law of citizens of all classes, male and female; freedom of thought and religion; a free press and free speech, but no arbitrary attacks on the rights of the church. Families with many children, it is declared should be protected from excessive taxation.

So that the burdens may be borne, strong industry and healthy trade are necessary, as well as freedom of trade from the fetters of war industries. The abolition of war industries is desired.

The party advocates the living of free peasants on free soil. Official must be insured a livelihood, in order to insure good service. There must be sympathetic care for the war wounded and for the dependents of the fallen soldiers, which would be made a point of honor in the new Germany.

Upon this platform, it was announced, the German democratic party will stand in the national assembly.

## Dance Thursday Night.

The Lancaster cotillion club will give a New Year's dance in the Mackey opera house Thursday night.

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## GREAT WELCOME TO WILSON IN LONDON

Clamorous Greeting Given the President When He Appears at King's Palace.

## DAY FILLED WITH EVENTS

Never Such a Greeting Ever Given a Guest of England—Events Constituted Historic Tribute.

London, Dec. 30.—The great moment of President Wilson's first day in England was when he stood with the king and queen and Mrs. Wilson in the balcony of Buckingham palace Thursday, facing a multitude which stretched down the Mall to the admiralty, half a mile distant, and overflowed St. James' park on one side and Green park on the other.

Only a corporal's guard could hear the President's brief speech, but the people, who had demanded that he show himself, gave him a greeting more clamorous than any other guest of the nation has commanded within the memory of the oldest Londoners.

The day's events constitute a tribute to the President and the United States which will be historic. The official ceremonies—a reception by the Dover corporation and the navy, the welcome at the station by the royal family and the chief officials of the empire, and the state progress through the heart of London—were colored with touches of medieval pageantry even to the crimson-coated beef eaters from the tower, bearing halberds, which the British people cherish. That the central figure of the royal procession in quaint state carriages, attended by a military escort and household officials, should be a civilian wearing a black coat and silk hat gave a flavor of novelty to the scene.

As the Brighton entered the harbor the salute in honor of the President was fired from Waver castle. This was the first time since the beginning of the war that this honor has been accorded any visitor. The Brighton's path was along the line of ships of the famous Dover patrol, all of which were flying American flags and their crews lining the rails. The bands which, when the Brighton was sighted, had played "God Save the King," now took up "The Star Spangled Banner," each ship's company standing at attention.

## QUICK AND SMOOTH PASSAGE FROM FRANCE TO ENGLAND

Dover, Dec. 30.—The steamer Brighton, on which the President crossed the channel, had a quick and smooth passage, and arrived at Dover just about midday. She was met at Calais by Sir Charles Cust, the king's equerry, and Vice-Admiral Sir Roger Keyes, who accompanied the party to Dover. Four French destroyers escorted the Brighton to mid-channel where airplanes took over the duty.

In reply to the addresses of welcome President Wilson said: "Mr. Mayor, you have certainly extended to me and to those who are accompanying me a very cordial and gracious hand of welcome. Even the sea was kind to us this morning and gave us a very pleasant passage, so that it tallied perfectly with our expectations of the pleasure we should have in landing in England.

"We have gone through many serious times together and, therefore, we can regard each other in a new light as comrades and associates, because nothing brings men together like a common understanding and a common purpose. I think that in spite of all the terrible sufferings and sacrifices of this war we shall some day in looking back upon them realize that they were worth while, not only because of the security they gave the world against unjust aggression, but also because of the understanding they established between great nations which ought to set with each other in the permanent maintenance of justice and of right.

"It is therefore with emotions of peculiar gratification that I find myself here. It affords the opportunity to match my mind with the minds

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